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February 2, 2009

Mr. Steven M. Pearson
Vice President, Certification
Election Systems and Software, Inc.
11208 John Galt Boulevard
Omaha, NE 68137

Subject: Application for administrative approval of modifications to the Model 650 central tabulator (M650)

Dear Mr. Pearson:

I have reviewed your application for approval of modifications to the M650, hardware revision 1.2, dated September 19, 2008.

As you know, the application seeks approval to modify the compact flash memory card, the printer and pick motor solenoid board (PMS), and approval for a new label. ES&S has received end-of-life notices from the manufacturers of the SanDisk compact flash memory card and the Okidata ML520 printer that were previously used with the M650. In addition, you have requested approval to use a modified PMS board that will improve static discharge levels. Lastly, you are changing the label affixed to the M650 to be compliant with the 2005 federal Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) and to reflect the hardware change from revision 1.1 to revision 1.2.

In consideration of your request, Secretary of State Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment (OVSTA) staff has reviewed the technical documentation for these modifications. Steve Freeman, our technical consultant, confirmed that he had reviewed the changes on behalf of the State of Oregon and recommended approval.

After completing our internal review, OVSTA staff determined that the modifications do not impair the accuracy and efficiency of the system.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 19213 of the California Elections Code, Election Systems and Software, Inc. is authorized to sell and deliver the modified M650 revision 1.2, as described, to its California customers.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding the approval please do not hesitate to contact OVSTA at (916) 653-7244.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lowell Finley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lowell Finley

Deputy Secretary of State

Voting Systems Technology and Policy

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